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In re Patent Application of:
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For: IMAGE COMPARISON APPARATUS,
IMAGE COMPARISON METHOD,
IMAGE COMPARISON CENTER
APPARATUS, AND IMAGE
COMPARISON SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 18, as follows:

A photograph is repeatedly taken until the check object person coming in front of the camera 14 presses down the check start button 18, and a plurality of photographs are taken. It is preferable that an upper limit of the number of acquired photographs is fixed, so that a photograph is not unnecessarily taken. When the check object person presses down the check start button 18 (step n5), the CPU 42 acquires an image of the check object person immediately after the press of the check start button 18 (step n6).